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RENEWAL OF ORDER NO. 96-41, NPDES NO. CAG919002, A GENERAL NPDES PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION WASTE DISCHARGES FROM CONSTRUCTION, REMEDIATION, AND PERMANENT GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION PROJECTS TO SURFACE WATERS WITHIN THE SAN DIEGO REGION EXCEPT FOR SAN DIEGO BAY

Enclosed is a copy of tentative Order No. 2001-96, which staff intends to present to the Regional Board for consideration at its scheduled meeting on July 18, 2001. Tentative Order No. 2001-96 renews Order No. 96-41, and establishes National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for discharges of groundwater extraction wastes to surface waters (except San Diego Bay) from construction, remediation, and permanent groundwater extraction activities. These WDRs will serve as a general NPDES permit. Order No. 96-41 expired on June 13, 2001. Order No. 96-41 has been administratively extended until adoption of a new order. All conditions and requirements of Order No. 96-41 remain in full force and effect.

Substantial changes to the general permit include the following:

- Order No. 2001-96 provides coverage for permanent groundwater extraction projects.
- Implementation of 40 CFR 131.38 (California Toxics Rule) Requirements
- Monitoring of MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether)

The tentative Order will be presented to the Regional Board at the scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2001. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and will be held at the following location:

Metropolitan Wastewater Department
Auditorium
9192 Topaz Way
San Diego, California

Please review and comment on the tentative order at your earliest convenience. I request that you submit any written comments no later than July 11, 2001 so that such comments and staff responses to comments can be provided to the Regional Board members prior to the day of the meeting.

California Environmental Protection Agency

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Ms. Whitney J. Ghoram at (858) 467-2967, or by e-mail at ghorw@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

Attachments (5):

Distribution List

Tentative Order No. 2001-96

Tentative Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 2001-96

Fact Sheet for tentative Order No. 2001-96

Application Forms

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